

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1.(Previously presented)      An electroluminescent device comprising:  
a substrate,  
a colloidal layer, and  
a laminated body composed of a first electrode, an electroluminescent layer and a second electrode, wherein  
the colloidal layer has a varying refractive index.
- 2.(Previously presented)      An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the colloidal layer borders on the substrate, and the laminated body borders on the colloidal layer.
- 3.(Currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising:  
a substrate,  
a colloidal layer having a varying refractive index, and  
a laminated body composed of a first electrode, an electroluminescent layer and a second electrode  
wherein the laminated body borders on the colloidal layer ~~substrate~~ and the colloidal layer is positioned between the substrate and the ~~borders on the~~ laminated body.
- 4.(Previously presented)      An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the colloidal layer contains a material selected from the group consisting of the metal oxides, SiO<sub>2</sub>, the inorganic pigments and a combination of these materials.
- 5.(Previously presented)      An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the material has a particle size in the range between 1 and 400 nm.
- 6.(Currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising:  
a substrate,

a colloidal layer having a varying refractive index, and  
a laminated body composed of a first electrode, an electroluminescent layer and a  
second electrode  
wherein the colloidal layer is a pixelated layer.

7.(Original) The electroluminescent device of claim 6, wherein the colloidal layer  
contains pigments.

8.( Original) The electroluminescent device of claim 7, wherein the pigments are colored.

9.( Original) The electroluminescent device of claim 8, wherein the electroluminescent  
layer emits white light.

10.( Original) The electroluminescent device of claim 6, wherein the electroluminescent  
layer is a pixelated layer.

11.( Original) The electroluminescent device of claim 1, wherein the colloidal layer  
contains pigments.